

emergency management who shall be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of the mayor, the executive, or governing body of the respective political subdivision. Each director of a local organization shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the respective local organization for emergency management. Each local director shall be subject to the direction and control of the mayor, executive, or governing body of the respective subdivision, under general power of the Governor. The local organization shall include such positions and programs as may be recommended from time to time by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to meet federal and State standards, subject to the budgets of the local jurisdictions.

(2) Each local organization whose jurisdiction falls within the plume or ingestion zone of a commercial nuclear reactor or which might be reasonably expected to host evacuees from another jurisdiction within a plume or ingestion zone shall submit to the State Director a radiological emergency response plan. The emergency response plan for a jurisdiction within a plume zone shall provide for evacuation of the residents of the political subdivision as a result of an emergency or major disaster caused by a dangerous release of radiation.

(b) In any county, or Baltimore City, in which there is a local merit system or classified service for the general employees of that political subdivision, the employees and officers of the local organization for emergency management (except the director) shall be included in and subject to all rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities of that system or service.

(c) (1) If the county or Baltimore City does not have such a local merit system or classified service, the county commissioners or county council, or the board of estimates of Baltimore City, may include by regulation the employees and officers of the local organization for emergency management (except the director) in the classified service of the State Personnel Management System.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by law, during the effective period of any such regulation, the said employees and officers shall be subject to the rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities of the provisions of Division I of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, with the particular board of county commissioners or county council, or the Mayor of Baltimore City, as the appointing officer thereunder.

(3) The provisions of this subsection may not be construed or applied to remove from the particular board of county commissioners or county council or from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore power to establish and regulate the compensation, vacation allowance, and sick leave of all such employees and officers in the respective political subdivisions.

(D) IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SHALL BE HIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNTY AND SHALL BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.